



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 06-872

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Re: Call Sign: E060103  
File No.: SES-REG-20060328-00537

Dear Mr. Becker:

On March 28, 2006, RCN Telecom Services, Inc. (RCN) filed the above-captioned application to register a Receive-Only Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) earth station proposing to communicate with only ALSAT-designated satellites in the Ku-band.<sup>1</sup> We deny this application.

The Commission does not license or register receive-only FSS stations operating with ALSAT-designated satellites in the 11.7-12.2 GHz frequency band. See *Deregulation of Domestic Receive-Only Satellite Earth Stations*, Second Report and Order, CC Docket No. 78-374, (adopted March 25, 1986).<sup>2</sup> Because FSS is the only primary allocation in this band, operations to FSS receive-only Ku-band earth stations are protected against interference from the operations of any other communications service. As such, since there are no other primary allocated services in this band, licensing or registering these earth stations is unnecessary.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. §0.261, we deny this application. RCN may receive transmissions from the ALSAT-designated satellites in the 11.7-12.2 GHz band with this earth station in accordance with our rules in 47 C.F.R. § 25.131 without any further authorization from the Federal Communications Commission.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> 11.7-12.2 GHz band.

<sup>2</sup> See *Deregulation of Domestic Receive-Only Satellite Earth Stations*, Second Report and Order, 104 FCC 2d 348 (1986), at para. 12.